

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? St Charles was represented by our Warren twp officer Everett Roling.

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-158-001 Using the existing line to save farm land and wildlife.

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to land use will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☒ Other: wild life

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Warren twp. Winona County, Minnesota.

We have not logged our woods, and release turkeys yearly. My husband has made
three ponds on our farm for the wildlife and we plant pine tree for small animal
shelter. We feel this line would defiantly hinder our work/enjoyment of wildlife.
Plus, moving equipment around poles and wire lines while farming doesn't sound
very fun...

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Please read above! We enjoy our peaceful land, we do not allow trappers, we
do not hunt. We do enjoy walks and rides looking for wildlife, paw prints and
eggs or babies, that's how we enjoy our family time on the farm.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

Everett stated it was very well presented and questions were very welcomed.

Thanks, Sue

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.